

Book Reviews

Laboratory Manual of Pharmacology. By A. D. Bush. 251 pp. Illustrated. Philadelphia: F. A. Davis Company. 1919. Price, \$3.50.

If the author's students actually use this book, they spend much more time with him than is given to the study of pharmacology in other medical schools.

The manual is an unusually complete one. A man who has worked his way through it will have a sufficient working knowledge of the more important drugs. It should be useful, not only to the author's students, but as a basis for laboratory courses in other medical schools.

L. E.

Accessory Sinuses of the Nose. By Ross Hall Skillern. 418 pp. 300 Illustrations. 3rd ed. Philadelphia and London: J. B. Lippincott Company. 1920.

This book is a particularly clear and comprehensive treatise on the subject and without question is one of the best in the English language. It gives in a clear and concise manner the anatomy, pathology and treatment of the various diseases of the sinuses; gives a very complete bibliography of those subjects which cannot be treated in detail, and gives references for statements made.

The first one hundred pages are given to general consideration which should be of great interest and value to general medical and surgical practitioners as well as being most worthy of the occasional reviewing by ear, nose and throat specialists.

H. A. F.

A Nurse's Handbook of Obstetrics. By Joseph Brown Cooke. Ninth edition. 468 pages. Illustrated. Philadelphia and London: J. B. Lippincott Company. 1920.

For any nurse who is specializing in obstetrics, it would be difficult to find a better book than this one.

The book is quite complete, not only in the essential details that a nurse should know, but also in interpreting the examinations of the physician, thus adding an absorbing interest to the whole picture. This is all told in simple, yet scientific, phrases so that the nurse is surprised at how much she can really know about the procedure of an obstetrical case.

It can be most enthusiastically recommended to the nurse, to the superintendent of nurses, and even to the physician giving lectures to nurses.

New illustrated colored prints have been added to this edition—also a chapter on prenatal nursing.

M. J.

Laboratory Manual of the Technic of Basal Metabolic Rate Determinations. By Walter M. Boothby, M. D., and Irene Sandiford, Ph. D.. Section on Clinical Metabolism. The Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, and The Mayo Foundation, University of Minnesota. Octavo volume of 117 pages with 11 tables and charts of explanation. Philadelphia and London: W. B. Saunders Company. 1920. Cloth, \$5 net.

The book is a handy manual for the technician doing this sort of work. The technic is plainly and concisely set forth, and should leave no doubt as to a correct procedure. The tables are convenient and arranged in one manual will save considerable time for the worker. The clinician who would understand the chemistry underlying the basal metabolic rate of the body must turn elsewhere for his information. For this there is a very good bibliography appended.

D. M. E.

Radiography of the Chest. By Walker Overend. 119 pp. St. Louis: C. V. Mosby Company. 1920. Price, \$5.

This book which is the first of two volumes on the roentgen examination of the chest deals en-

tirely with pulmonary tuberculosis. It is concise and well illustrated. A commendable feature is the inclusion of a brief clinical history with each illustration. Perhaps too much space has been given to the subject of classification of pulmonary tuberculosis and too much emphasis laid on nomenclature to the exclusion of detail in descriptions of the roentgen appearances. Taken as a whole, the book will be found very satisfactory as an elementary exposition of the subject.

H. E. R.

Optimistic Medicine. By A Former Insurance Man. 318 pages. Philadelphia: F. A. Davis Company. 1921.

The author here tells not his name,
He keeps himself unknown to fame;
He's but an old insurance man,
Built on an optimistic plan.

Just what audience he would reach
With the things he has to preach,
'Tis hard to tell. We look in vain.
The preface does not this explain.

He takes about three hundred pages
To state that humans of all ages—
Infant and youth, adult and old—
By a physician must be told

How to live and what to eat
To reach old age with temper sweet;
How to avoid each ache and pain
Of the body and the brain.

His optimism is extreme,
That he should think or even dream
That doctors can prevent each ill
That strikes the body, mind, or will.

With anecdotes he illustrates
Quite frequently each point he makes.
Sometimes they seem quite apropos,
But then again they are not so.

It is not worth a doctor's while
To read a book writ in this style.
A layman won't assume the task.
"What audience?" again I ask.

A. L. F.

Surgical Clinics of North America. February, 1921. Volume 1, Number 1 (Philadelphia number). 259 pages. Published bi-monthly. Philadelphia: W. B. Saunders Company. Price per year, \$12.

J. B. Deavor: Pancreatitis. **J. C. DaCosta:** Hydatid cyst of liver. Paget's disease of bones. Fracture of vault and base of skull, tear of dura, laceration of cortex, and hemorrhage from posterior branch of middle meningeal artery. Lethargic encephalitis mistaken for meningeal hemorrhage. Pulsating central sarcome of lower end of humerus. Presenile spontaneous gangrene. **J. G. Clark:** Prolapsus uteri; ultimate results in one hundred cases. **C. H. Frazier:** Clinical lecture on trigeminal neuralgia. **A. P. C. Ashhurst:** Birth injury of right shoulder, neurolysis of brachial plexus. Fracture of tibia: Open reduction. Recurrent posterior dislocation of hip following infantile paralysis, paralytic valgus of right, and calcaneovalgus of left foot. Cystic ovary. Umbilical hernia. Incomplete abortion. Hemorrhoids. Cellulitis of forearm and thigh. Open reduction of fracture of forearm (Dressing). Two cases of effusion into both knees: One syphilitic, the other hemophilic. **J. H. Gibbon:** Amputation of breast for carcinoma; the Stewart incision. **C. F. Nassau:** Epithelioma of lip. **T. T. Thomas:** Method of applying extension with plaster cast fixation in fractures of leg. **J. H. Jopson:** Old fracture of patella. Treat-